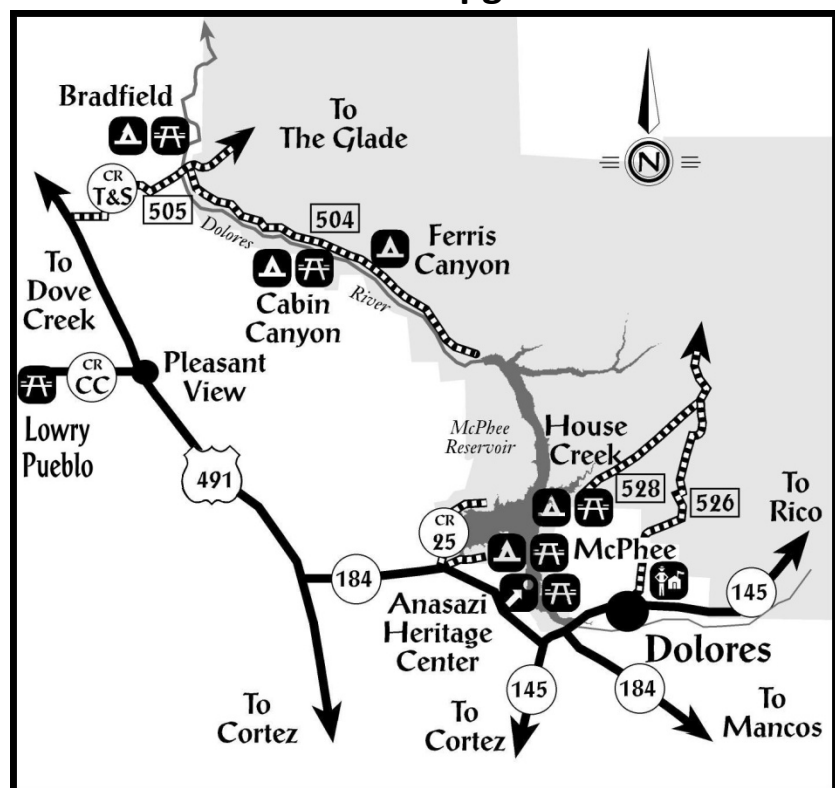


Dolores Public Lands Campgrounds – McPhee Area



CANYONS OF THE ANCIENTS NATIONAL MONUMENT

ANASAZI HERITAGE CENTER

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The Anasazi Heritage Center, a BLM museum featuring the history and culture of the Four Corners region, also serves as headquarters for Canyons of the Ancients National Monument. Information is available on Painted Hand, Lowry, and Sand Canyon Pueblos, and the Sand Canyon trail. The Monument is accessible from maintained county roads; Dirt roads in the Monument, however, may be impassable after rain. On the museum grounds are the

Dominguez and Escalante Pueblos, named after Spanish friars who explored the area. Escalante Pueblo is accessed via a 1/2-mile wheelchair-accessible trail with 360-degree views. The Anasazi Heritage Center is located at 27501 Highway 184, Dolores, Colorado. For more information, call 970-882-5600 or visit: www.co.blm.gov/ahc -or- www.co.blm.gov/canm.

• LOWRY PUEBLO PICNIC AREA ZhPt

Lowry Pueblo National Historic Landmark is the only developed recreation site in Canyons of the Ancients National Monument. Turn west off Colo Hwy 491 near Pleasant View onto County Road CC and go 9 miles. The asphalt road turns to gravel but is accessible via 2WD. No overnight camping is allowed. The archeological area is barrier free, with 5 picnic sites, restrooms and an interpretive trail. Lowry Pueblo, a restored Ancestral Puebloan site, has stabilized walls, 40 rooms, 8 kivas, and a Great Kiva.

DOLORES RIVER

The Dolores River below McPhee Reservoir is popular with fly fishermen and river runners. Trees shade the area, but in summer, it is hot. Fishing is limited to catch-and-release with flies and lures only from Bradfield Bridge upstream to the dam. The river is popular for river rafting from Bradfield Bridge to the confluence with the Colorado River in Utah. The closest services are in Dolores or Dove Creek.

• BRADFIELD CAMPGROUND \$cPZh*

Bradfield Campground, 30 miles northwest of Dolores on BLM land, has 16 barrier-free campsites, with hand pumps for water. Toilets are fully accessible. This is a popular launch site for rafting trips on the lower Dolores River. The one group picnic site has no fee for day use. You can keep fish caught downstream of Bradfield Bridge, but upstream is catch-and-release only. Take Colorado Highway 184

northwest from Dolores to U.S. Highway 491, then north to County Roads T and S, which turn into Forest Rd. 505, and head to the Dolores River.

• **CABIN CANYON CAMPGROUND** \$ c P Z h * _

To reach Cabin Canyon Campground, go over Bradfield Bridge, turn right on Forest Rd. 504 and head 4 miles upstream. This fully accessible campground has 11 barrier-free campsites, 3 picnic sites, and a hand water pump. A dump station is 1/10 mile west. Fishing is catch-and-release in this area.

• **FERRIS CANYON CAMPGROUND** \$ c P Z h *

Ferris Canyon Campground is 3 miles upstream from Cabin Canyon along Forest Rd. 504. This barrier-free facility has 7 sites for camping and picnicking, with a hand pump for water. It is 3.5 miles downstream of the dam and popular with fly fishermen (catch-and-release only). The historic Lone Dome Ranger Station is nearby.

MCPHEE RESERVOIR

McPhee Reservoir has 50 miles of shoreline in open mesa country. A large parking lot is adjacent to a 6-lane concrete boat ramp with motorized boating access. There are restricted areas in wake-less zones. Courtesy docks are available seasonally, based on voluntary donations. The reservoir is stocked with warm- and cold-water species of fish. A fish cleaning station is near the boat ramp and restrooms. Adjacent to the boat ramp is a trail leading to a scenic overlook, with 360-degree views and interpretive signs. The trail continues on to the tent camping area of McPhee Campground.

• **MCPHEE CAMPGROUND** \$ c (P Z h * _ B Ñ ¤

The McPhee Recreation Complex is on the south shore of McPhee Reservoir. From Dolores, take Colo Hwy 145 south, turn west on Hwy 184, and go about 7 miles. Look for the McPhee Recreation Area sign on the north side of the highway and turn onto County Road 25, and take the first right. The campground is on a mesa above the reservoir, with road access to a boat launch. The 76 campsites on 2 loops are paved with parking, picnic sites, barrier-free flush toilets, sanitary dumping station, and 24 sites offering electric hookups. Two sites have tables and toilets that will accommodate wheelchairs. A dozen campsites are walk-ins with tent pads near scenic overlooks. Only Pinon Loop campsites can be reserved; all others are first-come, first-served. The adjacent McPhee Group Area has group campsites available for reservation (with limited electrical hookups). There are volleyball posts, a ball field and horseshoe pits (you must supply the equipment). Two non-developed fishing sites are farther east on Highway 184 at the Big Bend and Dolores access sites. Two day-use fishing areas on the north shore with composting toilets are Sage Hen, northwest of the McPhee Recreation Area; and Dry Canyon, accessed from the Glade area on FS Road 510.

• **HOUSE CREEK CAMPGROUND** \$ c (P Z * h Ñ ¤ _

The House Creek Recreation Complex is across the reservoir from the McPhee Complex. From Dolores, take 11th Street to the Dolores-Norwood Road (Forest Rd. 526) and go about 6 miles, then southwest on House Creek Road (Forest Rd. 528) for about 5 miles. The access road and parking areas are paved. This gently sloping, grassy area is near the reservoir's high-water line. There is an open play area, sanitary dumping station, a group picnic area and 4-lane boat ramp. The campground has 65 campsites in 3 loops; 2 sites are designed for wheelchairs. There are 22 sites with electrical hookups. Loop B campsites can be reserved in advance (all others are first-come, first-served). Two adjacent group areas each accommodate 30 people and can be reserved in advance (no electrical hookups are available).